

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2005, which set a three-month period for response, making this amendment due by July 27, 2005.

Claims 1 and 3-7 are pending in this application.

In the Office Action, claims 1 and 3-7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,215,297 to Bleckmann.

The Applicants note with appreciation the allowance of claim 2, if rewritten to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

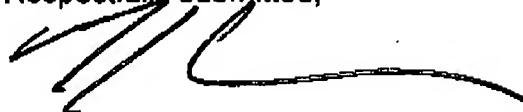
In the present amendment, the specification was amended to add standard sectional headings and to delete reference to the claims.

Claim 1 was amended to add the features of allowable claim 2, which was canceled, thus making claim 1 allowable over the cited art, along with dependent claims 3-7.

In light of the foregoing amendments, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application stands in condition for allowance. Action to this end is courteously solicited.

Should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,



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